

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

OLYMPIC COAST DISCOVERY CENTER



VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2009

OCDC update

What's new in the Olympic Coast Discovery Center? When will the coral exhibit be completed? When will we receive training for this new addition? When are we reopening? Like you, I have many questions. The answer is that no dates have been set, but we will keep you informed as soon as more information becomes available. Meanwhile, there are a lot of special events coming up for you to consider....

OCDC participates in Darwin Days on February 7



Darwin Days is an international celebration of the discoveries and life of Charles Darwin, the man who first described biological evolution via natural selection, also known for his kindness, tolerance, reflective thought,

and deep appreciation for the similarities and differences among us. This year's event celebrates Darwin's 200th birthday as well as 150 years since his work *On the Origin of Species* was published.

In Port Angeles Darwin Days will be celebrated at Peninsula College on Saturday, February 7 with educational speakers, movies, birthday cake, exhibits and hands on activities. OCDC staff and volunteers will have an exhibit featuring marine mammal skulls with information about their evolution from earlier land animals.

If you would like to help staff our booth during the event, please call 565-1460 or send an email to janet.lamont@noaa.gov. We will provide you with background information about marine mammal evolution before the event, so don't worry that you might not know enough to participate.



"Sharks" at the Feiro on February 7

Dr. Vince Gallucci, Wakefield Professor of Ocean and Fishery Sciences in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington, will be the guest speaker at the Feiro Marine Life Center on Saturday, February 7 at 6:30pm. Dr. Gallucci will talk about sharks from Washington and Alaska including the dogfish, sleeper, six gill, and salmon shark. Dr. Gallucci claims that "while not a Discovery Channel talk there are plenty of action photos accompanied by photos with more scientific orientations." Please join us as the Feiro Marine Life Center on the City Pier for this dynamic presentation. Admission is by donation, and all donations go toward the Feiro Challenge Grant to support Marine Science Education Programs for area youth. Seating is limited, so please call ahead to confirm attendance. The Feiro Marine Life Center is open on weekends from noon-4pm. Please call 417-6254 or visit our website at www.olympen.com/feirolab for more information.

April 18 Washington Coast Cleanup Day

Join us for this annual Earth Day event to remove marine debris from Washington's Pacific Coast. Plastic water bottles, fishing nets, tires, and all kinds of other items that are harmful to the environment wash up on Washington's beaches all year and need to be removed before they cause irreparable damage to countless marine mammals, fish, plants, and birds.



If you would like to help by picking up trash you can register and select the beach of your choice at <http://www.coastsaver.org/washington.html>

If you would like to help with registration or be a beach captain, please contact Jacqueline Laverdure at 457-6622 ext 21 or Jacqueline.laverdure@noaa.gov.

April 25 Earth Day Fair on City Pier

Americorps is hosting an Earth Day fair on April 25th at the City Pier. With the support of many of our local environmental organizations and government departments we are hoping to reach a lot of families and especially children. The fair is meant to be fun and interactive as well as informational. Our theme "One World" invites people to explore the interconnectedness of different ecosystems as well as reflect on our own influence on local and even global ecosystems.

OCDC staff and volunteers will be participating with a display of marine debris and information about its harmful effects on the ocean environment. If you would like to help staff our booth during the event, please call 565-1460 or send an email to janet.lamont@noaa.gov.

2009 OCDC Volunteer Training

Jacqueline has been hard at work planning volunteer training for this spring. I am sending you a brief overview for two reasons. First, we welcome you to participate in any session if you would like to improve your expertise on a particular topic. Second, if you know someone who might be interested in becoming a volunteer, please let them know about our training program and encourage them to attend. All sessions are from 9:00 to noon except the field trip to Neah Bay on April 2.

Week ONE:

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Welcome and Introduction
Ocean Literacy (Bob Steelquist)
OCNMS / ONMS (Jacqueline)
OCDC walk-through

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Talking with Guests (Greg Marsh, ONP)
Research and Deep Corals (Ed and/or Mary Sue)

Week TWO:

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

OCNMS Current issues (Carol Bernthal)
Marine Mammals (Rob)
Maritime Heritage (Janet)

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Field trip to Makah Cultural and Research Center

Week THREE:

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Climate change and Acidification (John Barimo)
New EXHIBIT info
Marine Debris / Recruit for Washington Coast Cleanup (Jacqueline)

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Biodiversity - meet at Feiro for individual presentations and tour
Volunteer Nuts & Bolts and life of volunteer (Janet)
Meet existing volunteers and pizza party and Sign up for volunteering!

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Field trip to Salt Creek - Low tide at 12:30pm